

# ELECTION REFORM TASK FORCE MEETINGS



## Citizen Guidance on Proposed Election Reforms

This feedback form lists many of the major reforms described in the handout and includes additional proposed election reforms for consideration. Please indicate whether you favor or oppose each reform. Then, please rate the importance of each idea, by circling a number from 1 to 5, in which '1' denotes least importance to you and '5' denotes most importance.

### ISSUES RELATED TO ELECTION TIMING

1. Should the primary date be moved to June or August? If yes, June or August?	Yes June	No August				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Should counties be permitted to begin tabulating absentee ballots on the Monday before Election Day, requiring any results to remain secret under penalty of law?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	

### ISSUES RELATED TO BALLOTS

1. Should standards be established to require that provisional ballots be distinguishable from other ballots and incapable of being tabulated by poll site counting devices?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Should statewide standards be established for signature verification and provisional ballots?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Should it be required that records of absentee and provisional ballot signature issues are not public records until after the election is certified by the County Canvassing Board?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Should all counties be required to certify recounts on the same day?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Should the County Canvassing Board only be able to recanvass when there is a discrepancy or inconsistency in the returns due to an error by the County Auditor or his or her staff?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Should voters be promptly notified when their signature on an absentee or provisional ballot is rejected?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Should a paper trail be made for all ballots cast electronically?	Yes	No				
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	

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## ISSUES RELATED TO VOTER REGISTRATION

1. Should an enhanced statewide Voter Registration Database be established?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
2. Should voter rolls be "cleaned" by requiring all currently registered voters to re-register?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
3. Should all voters be checked for identification before receiving a ballot at the polls?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5

## OTHER PROPOSED ELECTION REFORMS

1. Should statewide elections be conducted entirely by mail?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
2. Should the State be required to help pay for election costs incurred by the counties?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
3. Should it be required that a Primary Voters' Pamphlet be printed and distributed when at least one statewide office is scheduled to appear on a primary ballot?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
4. Should uniform voting machines be required statewide?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
5. Should each county elections office be reviewed by the Secretary of State's office?	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5

### Other Reforms/Suggestions:

_____	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Yes	No			
<i>How important to you is this idea?</i>	1	2	3	4	5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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This survey is also available online at [www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/reform\\_federal.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/reform_federal.aspx).

Thank you for attending and participating in the Election Reform Task Force Meetings.



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